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CARTER

REF: STATE 17344

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT NYERERE TO PRESIDENT CARTER. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY TRANSMITTAL SLIP.

2. BEGIN TEXT. 28TH JANUARY, 1977

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF 26TH JANUARY 1977, AND WOULD LIKE TO SAY HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU WROTE TO ME SO QUICKLY AFTER TAKING UP YOUR ONEROUS RESPONSIBILITIES. IT IS REASSURING TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE TAKING A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND TO HAVE IN YOUR LETTER A REITERATION OF AMERICA'S DESIRE TO WORK FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THAT AREA.

IT IS BECAUSE JUSTICE DOES NOT EXIST, AND BECAUSE PROGRESS WAS NOT BEING MADE TOWARDS IT BY PEACEFUL MEANS, THAT PEACE DOES NOT EXIST IN SOUTHERN AFRICA NOW. WE DO NOT LIKE WAR. THE  
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WAR WE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO WAGE TO THE WAR AGAINST THE POVERTY AND SUFFERING OF OUR PEOPLE. THE WARS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE BEING IMPOSED UPON US BY THE RACISTS.

WE STILL WANT PEACE; WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK HARD FOR IT, AND TO TAKE SOME RISKS FOR IT. BUT WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA EVER SINCE OUR OWN POLITICAL INDEPEN-

DENCE IN 1961. WE HAVE LEARNED BY EXPERIENCE OF THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY STRENGTH OF OUR OPPONENTS, AND THEIR ABILITY TO DEPLOY THESE STRENGTHS TO DEFEAT ALL OUR GENUINE EFFORTS FOR A PEACEFUL END TO THE INTOLERABLE RACISM AND DAILY HUMILIATION IMPOSED ON HUMAN BEINGS, JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE BLACK.

OUR COMMITMENT IS TO SECURING INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE FOR BOTH ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA AND THE END OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF. WE SHALL BE GENUINELY DELIGHTED TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES TO ACHIEVE SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. FOR WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE GENUINE HUMAN PROBLEMS AND GENUINE FEARS INVOLVED IN THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM. WE WOULD LIKE TO REDUCE THOSE FEARS. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT IF WE ARE ABLE TO DO THAT WE MAY HELP AFRICANS WHO ARE NOT BLACK TO REALISE THAT WHAT WE ARE DEMANDING IS EQUALITY, NOT A REVERSE RACIALISM. IN FACT, THE GREATEST FEAR I HAVE IS THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM WILL GO ON FOR SO LONG THAT IT BECOMES A RACIALIST STRUGGLE. FOR IF THAT DOES HAPPEN, THEN THE PRINCIPLE OF HUMAN EQUALITY WILL SUFFER A DEFEAT EVEN AS THE MAJORITY THROWS OFF THE DOMINATION OF THE MINORITY - AS IT MUST AND WILL DO.

YESTERDAY I SPOKE WITH AMBASSADOR SPAIN, AND GAVE HIM MY VIEWS ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION FOLLOWING THE SMITH REJECTION OF THE BRITISH PROPOSALS AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. I EXPLAINED TO HIM WHY I AM URGING THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE THE TALKS WITHOUT SMITH, AND MY BELIEF THAT ONLY BE SO DOING CAN THE CHANNELS FOR DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY BE KEPT OPEN. HE  
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WILL HAVE REPORTED TO YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE ON THESE MATTERS. AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT CONSULTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN US, AND BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS, WILL CONTINUE.

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT, I WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE THIS LETTER BY CONGRATULATING YOU ON YOUR INAUGURAL ADDRESS AND YOUR MESSAGE TO THE WORLD. THEY HAVE BEEN READ WITH GREAT CARE HERE; THEY GAVE US SOME HOPE. WE DO NOT EXPECT MIRACLES, AND UNDERSTAND THAT NATIONS HAVE PERMANENT INTERESTS, AND POWERFUL INTERNAL FORCES WHICH HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BY ALL ADMINISTRATIONS. BUT WE FELT YOUR CONCERN FOR HUMANITY, AND FOR JUSTICE, AND DREW HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

EACH OF US CAN ONLY DO THE WORK OF ONE MAN. SOMETIMES ONE BECOMES VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE LIMITATIONS THAT IMPOSES. BUT WITH GOD'S HELP, IT CAN SOMETIMES BE A GREAT DEAL. YOURS  
SINCERELY, JULIUS K. NYERERE. END TEXT.  
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